



***San Diego County  
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission***

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COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT	
Jack Bransford	1	Present
Empty	1	
Florence Sloane, Vice-Chair	2	Present
Bruce Campbell, Secretary	2	Present
Rob Wilder	3	Present
Teresa Barth	3	Present
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D	4	Absent
Jim Dodd, Chair	4	Present
Jim Conrad	5	Present
Empty	5	

DATE: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**A. Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.**

**B. Introductions:**

Brian Albright, County of San Diego, Assistant Director Department of Parks and Recreation

Vince Nicoletti, County of San Diego, CAO Staff Officer, Land Use and Environmental Group, County of San Diego

Trish Boaz, Chief Resource Management Division, Department of Parks and Recreation County of San Diego

Maeve Hanley, County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation

Jeff Lincer, Wildlife Research Institute

**C. Minutes for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved**

Motion made to: "Vacant" Commissioner position listed as being present at meeting.  
Delete "Present." Also to only show final revised minutes and eliminate strike-out.  
Motion made by: Sloane Seconded by: Bransford  
The motion was: Approved Unanimously

**D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda.** (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)

None

**E. Chairman's Report –**

Received: Notice from the Fish and Game Commission that Governor Schwarzenegger has selected R. Judd Hanna from Mill Creek to replace Mike Flores on the Fish and Game Commission.

**F. Administrative Items--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.**

Old:

**1. San Diego Freshwater Fish Project (Campbell)**

Commissioner Campbell discussed on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 am, artificial fertilized and currently incubating Sweetwater trout eggs. They will soon find out if it was successful. This event was covered on Channel 8 news. A meeting is scheduled with San Diego Trout and California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to discuss capturing some of the fish that have migrated up to Loveland Reservoir. Hoping to capture live specimen for fin clips. These fish are not like the steelhead to the north, and definitely have steel head genes. Also, working on obtaining grant to fund the rescue hatchery. Working with California Department of Fish and Game. A site for the rescue hatchery has been located, and Commissioner Campbell thanked Dr. Lincer of the Wildlife Research Institute for offering to host the site. Two separate hatcheries are required to keep the different strains physically separate.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

**2. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Sloane)**

Report of FWAC/DG/SDCWF Meeting 8 February 2007

Present: Regional Manager Larry Eng, Terri Stewart, Tim Dillingham, Nick Bechtel, Jack Bransford, Jim Dodd, Bruce Campbell and Florence Sloane

Topics discussed were:

New Chair of the FWAC

DFG dove banding project.

DFG GBH supported special hunts.

The list of accessible DFG lands in San Diego County

Planned habitat improvement projects at HCWA and RJER

Access to Boden Canyon ER

Development of wildlife curricula for local and other colleges

LMPs for RJER, HCWA, and SFVWA.

Local steelhead populations

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15th.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

**3. Handling of fines/forfeiture monies for Fish & Game violations (Sloane)**

Dawn Nielsen reported that she had spoke to Larry Eng, DFG, regarding citation/fine process. He had informed her that this was now handled through Sacramento. Will Wong of DFG in Sacramento had contacted her and asked for applicable code sections which Dawn sent on January 22. She had not heard back since then. Commissioner Sloane asked contact information which Dawn will forward to her.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

**4. Financial Report (Dodd)**

Dawn Nielsen asked if the Commissioners were satisfied with the layout and information from the last financial report. The Commissioner said they were.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☐ No ☒

**5. Identification of FWAC Goals, Objectives and Projects for 2007 (Conrad)**

Commissioner discussed that this item can be removed as each Commission came forward with goals and projects for 2007. This item can be under new business in the December meeting for updates on individual projects.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☐ No ☒

**6. Hobbs Ranch owned & managed by Wildlife Research Institute (WRI) or San Diego County Parks & Rec. (Conrad/Bransford)**

County presentation covered this item. Dr. Lincer appreciated time of the FWAC. He gave an overview of the Hobbs Ranch and WRI's role to this point. He said that WRI is set up as a legal land trust, and can assume a higher interest percentage from the endowment than the County. He felt that the organization most qualified, and cost-

effective should be deciding factor on who manages a property. History, WRI was one of the originators in gaining interest in grasslands, and was instrumental in obtaining Prop 13 funds.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☐ No ☒

#### **7. Day at the Docks (Smothers)**

Dawn Nielsen will make arrangements for a booth at this event.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

#### **8. FWAC Website (Bransford)**

Commissioner Bransford spoke with former FWAC Commissioner Pottorff, and he is willing to do whatever the FWAC Commissioners would like. Commissioners discussed option of having the website added to the county's site. Agricultural Commissioner Atkins said he would have staff review websites for similar groups such as the County Parks Advisory Group.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

#### **9. Biannual Report to Board of Supervisors (Dodd)**

Agricultural Commissioner Atkins urged Commissioners to use this report as a vehicle to the board. Chair Jim Dodd said he would be composing cover letter. Commissioners discussed what to include in the report. Decided to included the distribution of the CD tapes.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☐ No ☒

New:

#### **1. County Presentation on County Management of Preserves**

Trish Boaz, Chief Resource Management Division, County Department of Parks and Recreation (P&R) gave a presentation on County Management of Preserves including the Ramona Grasslands. Ms. Boaz gave a briefing on the different ownerships within the Ramona Grasslands. The County preserve areas provide a system of connected open space areas. Her overview included that the County operates over 79 facilities, and 40,000 acres county-wide.

Commissioner Conrad asked about transferring Boden Canyon to the California Department of Fish and Game. Ms. Boaz said the land was a mitigation site for Department of Public Works. The county is awaiting a response from Fish and Game.

Commissioner Bransford asked if a dog-training option was available. Maeve, Hanley, County Group Program Manager with the Department of Parks and Recreation said this use wasn't specifically addressed in the Resource Management Plan. She gave an outline

of how the Resource Management Plan would have a 30 day public review sometime in March. She would let the FWAC know how they could be added to the group noticed.

Brian Albright said they could go to the website and permanently subscribe. Bransford want to advise on related with fauna and flora and had concerns that the FWAC have not been able to receive needed information in order to provide advice. Anything can do to accommodate this responsibility would appreciated.

Commissioner Campbell asked about an incident where a citizen complained about someone discharging firearms at the grasslands. He asked if the County did not have a presence at the grasslands, how would control be maintained? Ms. Hanley said in this particular incident was being relayed to the District Park Manager who would be addressing the issue with the lessee.

Commissioner Bransford asked if there were any plans to open Santa Ysabel for turkey hunting and there had been reports that County employees were hunting on that property. Ms. Boaz stated that a county ordinance did not allow hunting on park lands, and they would follow-up on this report.

Commissioner Bransford said he would like to have a better understanding for the basis of the ordinance for non-hunting on county property. It would be helpful for this group to understand and to provide advice and recommendations relative to the appropriateness of that ordinance. If the Commission wants to make the recommendation to change language, they must understand the motive. Ms. Boaz responded that all ordinances are approved by the County Board of Supervisors. Agricultural Commissioner Bob Atkins was asked to provide to the FWAC detailed information that went beyond the language of the wording and include the letters of intent.

The question was asked if it was an accurate assessment that this ordinance only applied to land belonging to the Department of Park and Recreation. This ordinance is under the Park and Recreation section of the code.

Ms. Boaz was asked about the status of the Hobbs. She said that this property is surrounded by a grassland preserve that the County will be managing. Maeve Hanley added that the County has being doing some management on the property already including removal of non-native weeds, including peppergrass and thistle. Currently this property is a potential site to be used as mitigation for about a dozen private properties.

Commissioner Sloane looked through the P & R Strategic Plan, and noted that it stated to “preserve” rather than “conserve” and wanted to know why. She felt there is a significant difference between conservation and preservation. Ms. Boaz said that in this case, the words are used interchangeably. Commissioner Sloane said part of her concern was that she sat on the Advisory Committee for GP2020, and, as an example, if an archeological resource was preserved, you cannot excavate it, you can only cap it and walk away. A similar application would prevent you from doing things such as not allowing the discharge of firearms in all county lands rather than in only developed county parks.

Commissioner Wilder said he really liked being biased to tree huggers and environmentalists.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☐ No ☒

## **2. Updating by-laws to include procedures for Commissioner resignations**

Dawn Nielsen said she had received a notice from the Clerk of the Board that Commissioner Kelpin has resigned. She contacted Commissioner Kelpin who said that he hadn't resigned, but submitted an intent to resign once a replacement had been found. Dawn contacted the Clerk of the Board who said that the only way to advertise a vacancy is to have a vacancy. The clerk told Dawn to review the FWAC's By-laws and applicable codes and ordinances. Upon review of these items, Dawn contacted County Counsel Mark Mead who confirmed that none of these documents addressed Commissioners who intend to resign upon finding a replacement. Dawn suggested that the Commissioner change their by-laws to include this situation.

Motion made to: A Commissioner who submits his or her intent to resign may continue to discharge the duties as a member until a successor has been qualified and appointed.

Motion made by: Barth    Seconded by: Bransford

Call for Vote: Unanimously approved

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☐ No ☒

## **G. Commissioner's Corner –**

Florence Sloane -

D'erdra Smothers –

Jack Bransford -

Paul Kelpin –

Rob Wilder – On the board she just mentioned. Support with Pam

Teresa Barth – Doug Gibson informed her that San Elijo Lagoon will have a play area for children. Discussed the “No Child Left Inside” program which has great outdoor projects for kids.

Jim Conrad –

Jim Dodd – Fish and Game Commission is going to address lead ammunition.

Bruce Campbell – Wanted other Commissioners to be aware that the County was seeking public comments on Ground Water, and was concerned FWAC were not notified of the comment period. Also brought attention to article in newspaper sports section on the positive long-term outcomes for children who become involved in activities such as hunting and fishing rather than competitive sports.

**H. Adjournment Time:      8:24**

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

1 DPLU noticing